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Kensington returns to desolation row

Attention has died down in year since strangler terror, but drugs, prostitution remain Empty lots, lack of hope hold back area

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▶ A mural along Kensington Avenue depicts better days when the community once housed the heart of the city's blue-collar work force.

News

GOP voters not ready to decide

Gingrich leads after Cain derailment But most say they aren't settled Romney, Paul next up in poll {page 07}

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Little has changed a year after strangler

Kensington still troubled since media coverage ended ◗ Hearing next week for suspect in '10 slayings

Kensington resident Kelly McFeeley remembers the intense police manhunt and media attention last year when three young women were strangled in vacant lots. Nearly a year after police captured the "strangler," she said there's been little improvement.

"My brother was just [almost] robbed while he was waiting for the bus. Now, every day I have to come pick him up [from school] because he's afraid he's going to get robbed," said McFeeley, 26. "I wish it would get better."

Despite the anger and cohesiveness in Kensington following the deaths of Elaine Goldberg, Nicole Piacentini and Casey Mahoney, residents and community groups claim drugs and prostitution run rampant once again in the poverty-stricken area.

"Drugs and violence, I think, may always be a reality in Kensington," explained Colleen Gibson, of the Community Center at Visitation, which recently helped start a drop-in program for women. "It's not going anywhere fast."

Part of the problem has been the hundreds of vacant lots and abandoned buildings. "We have been cleaning," said Sandy Salzman, of the New Kensington Community Development Corp., which contracts with the city to maintain the lots. "Over the last year, we've probably had about 500 lots that we've maintained."

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▶ Frank Rivera, who has owned a Kensington furniture shop for 30 years, isn't so cynical.

Not all agree

Opinions vary on the effect the strangler hysteria had in the last year.

- **Lifelong Kensington resident Richie Antipuna** was a voice of the area during the "strangler" investigation through YouTube videos.
- **"It was just attention at that point** in time 'cause there were stories," he said.
- **Not everyone agrees** "There's a lot of police activity, neighbors keep watch for one another. It's a lot safer now," said Frank Rivera, Kensington Avenue business owner.

"There's only so much a community can do if [crime] isn't being combated." GIBSON

"There aren't jobs popping up for people. There isn't an increase in income." GIBSON

"Once it was all done and over with, that's it." ANTIPUNA, ON THE MEDIA COVERAGE OF KENSINGTON AFTER STRANGLER WAS CAUGHT

In the news

'Welcome to' where?

Delaware State Police are searching for a thief who stole the entrance sign to the Pleasant Hills development in Dover between Monday and Tuesday of last week. The heavy wood sign is valued at more than $4,000 and would most likely have taken two people to carry it.

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Five cars set ablaze believed to be arson

WISSINOMING. Investigators are still trying to piece together who set five cars ablaze early yesterday morning and why, though they have determined the cause to be arson.

Police and the fire department responded to the 5700 block of Cottage Street at about 4:15 a.m. for several reports of car fires. They found parked, unattended vehicles in flames and extinguished them. METRO/AW

Driver dies in crash on Boulevard

NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA. A man was killed early yesterday morning after he lost control of his car and was ejected from the vehicle as it flipped several times on Roosevelt Boulevard.

The victim, 30, was driving a white 2006 Ford F-150 pickup truck at the boulevard and Bridge Street at about 3:15 a.m. at a high rate of speed when police say he lost control of the car, causing the crash. METRO/AW

Two cops injured in fiery crash

A police cruiser struck a pedestrian, launched into the air, and then burst into flames early yesterday morning in North Philadelphia.

The cruiser was traveling north on North Broad Street after dropping off a DUI suspect at police headquarters in Center City shortly before 2 a.m. when officers decided to respond to a "police assist" radio call at the Crab House Restaurant and Nightclub on the 5700 block of Germantown Avenue, where shots were fired.

When it reached the intersection of Broad Street and Girard Avenue, a pedestrian, who was apparently running to catch a SEPTA bus, darted across the street into the path of the cruiser, which had on its lights and sirens, police said.

The driving officer veered left in an attempt to avoid hitting the pedestrian, mounting a center median. The police car's engine then caught fire; both officers escaped.

The female pedestrian was taken to Hahnemann Hospital in stable condition with a possible broken arm and torso trauma. Both officers were also taken to Hahnemann, where they were treated and released.

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Holidays. Shopping

▶ Schuyler Osterhout, left, and Jessica Hughes enjoyed some hot drinks yesterday at the Christmas Village.

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Wishes while shopping

Among the shopping vendors at the Christmas Village inside Love Park are several charities, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation with wish-filled hearts nailed to a wooden post.

Suspects identified in Temple robberies case

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Police have identified Kevin Wilson, 26, and Timothy Ballard, 31, as the men suspected of having robbed five people in a little over an hour around Temple's campus last week.

The robberies occurred between 7:45 p.m. and 8:55 p.m. at 2020 N. 15th Street, the 1900 block of Fontain Street, the 1300 block of North Carlisle Street, the 1300 block of North Franklin Street and 950 W. Montgomery Avenue in North Philly.

Some of the victims were reportedly students. Temple Police e-mailed the student body Friday warning them to be vigilant.

METRO/AW

City cop stable after car hit her

CENTER CITY. A female officer was dragged by a car Friday night, and then pinned against a construction trailer when an alleged drunk driver refused to stop, police said.

The officer, identified only by her last name, Kleposki, was hit after an argument with the driver at 10th and Sansom streets, who allegedly attempted to flee, police said. METRO/AW

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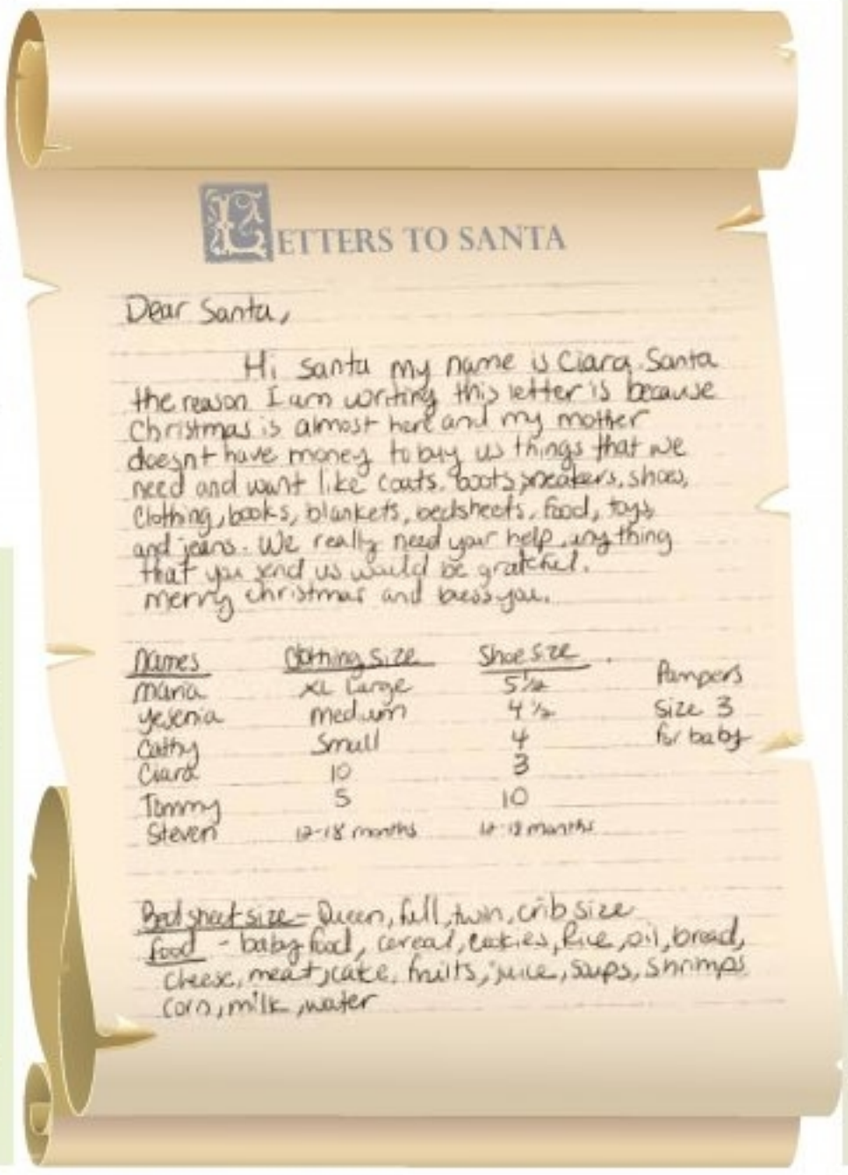
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News in brief

Man dead, woman hurt in gunfire

TIOGA. A shooting left a man dead and a woman hospitalized early yesterday morning.

Police responding to reports of a shooting on the 2100 block of Bellevue Street around 4:28 a.m. found on arrival that both victims had been taken to Temple University Hospital by private vehicles.

The first victim, Tyree Johnson, 23, of the 1500 block of North 24th Street, was shot twice in the chest, once in the leg and once in the right thigh. He was pronounced dead at 4:38 a.m.

The second victim, 20, was shot in the thigh and is in stable condition.

There is no word on a possible motive or arrest at this time. METRO/AW

Timoney going to Middle East

BAHRAIN. Former Philadelphia Police Commissioner John Timoney will head a team of law enforcement officials

from the U.S. and Britain that will provide training for Bahrain's military forces, according to the Miami Herald.

The Thursday announcement from Bahrain's Interior Ministry comes on the heels of an independent commission report detailing abuses against pro-reform Shiite protesters, including torture.

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Gangsters with golden hearts?

In Japan, samurais in suits with gangland tattoos wield power in the boardroom Metro looks at the alleged philanthropy of Japan's famous crime syndicate

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▶ All heart, see?

Japan's crime syndicates, the yakuza, are pictured as nine-fingered killers wielding nunchaku, covered with elaborate full-body tattoos. To be more precise, these gangsters can gamble on the financial market better than Wall Street brokers, or deliver aid to populations in need more efficiently than the Red Cross itself.

The yakuza were reportedly the first to react to Japan's devastating earthquake and tsunami last March; in the disaster's immediate aftermath, they dispatched at least 70 trucks loaded with supplies worth more than $500,000, according to Jake Adelstein, a well-known crime reporter in Japan. They like to refer to think about themselves as *ninkyo dantai* — or "humanitarian groups."

"They are always in place when a disaster happens," Adelstein tells Metro. "Since Japan is in a hurry to reconstruct, eliminating organized crime elements from reconstruction and waste disposal is simply not possible."

Given their strict "code of conduct," forbidding its members from street crimes, prostitution and big heists, yakuza gangsters have traditionally been tolerated by Japanese society.

"Japan always has had a philosophy of containment rather than punishment."
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"There's a general acceptance towards yakuza as institutions," explains David Kaplan, author of "Yakuza: Japan's Criminal Underworld."

Recent reports, however, have emerged that financial brokers who helped disgraced electronics group Olympus hide years of investment losses have links to the yakuza.

For these mobsters, helping the population is partly about living up to the code of honor they profess, partly to get a chunk in the big business of reconstruction.

As Kaplan points out, "Yakuza is the most entrepreneurial class in Japan, as well as the most adaptable one." As they say, they are the next Goldman Sachs — but with guns.

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Yakuza FAQ

There's no one Yakuza
The Japanese mafia is made of 22 fraternal organizations with 86,000 members. The largest one, Yamaguchi-gumi, employs 40,000 people.

Like the Rotary Club?
Yakuza are no secret gangs. Books, comics, movies and fanzines about the yakuza are useful as recruitment tools.

Joining ritual
Wannabes have to pay a fee, often finding the money through violent crimes despite the group's code of conduct. Members cut off fingers as a sign of loyalty.

Sickness in ink
Liver-related illness is a top cause of death, perhaps due to full-body tattoos: The liver undergoes stress as they are prevented from sweating.

‘Newtmentum’ rising

Tide continues to turn for GOP presidential hopefuls Cain train’s last stop good for Gingrich, bad for Romney Many remain undecided

22%
The latest Iowa Poll shows less support for Romney, who had 22 percent in late October.

60% **However, 60 percent of likely voters said they are still willing to change their mind.**

A surge in support for Republican White House hopeful Newt Gingrich has made him the new front-runner in Iowa, which holds the first of next year’s presidential nominating contests, according to a closely watched opinion poll released this weekend.

Gingrich, a former speaker of the House of Representatives, has support from 25 percent of likely Republican caucus-goers, up from just 7 percent in late October, the poll conducted for The Des Moines Register newspaper found.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney finished second and third, with support at 18 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

Support for Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and former pizza magnate Herman Cain, who dropped out of the race on Saturday, was tied at 8 percent.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum each drew 6 percent, and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman rounded out the field at 2 percent.

The Iowa caucuses, set for Jan. 3, kick off the state-by-state contests to choose the party presidential nominee who will challenge Democratic President Barack Obama in the November 2012 election.

“We’ve got some Newtmentum going for us here,” said Gingrich campaign spokesman R.C. Hammond. REUTERS

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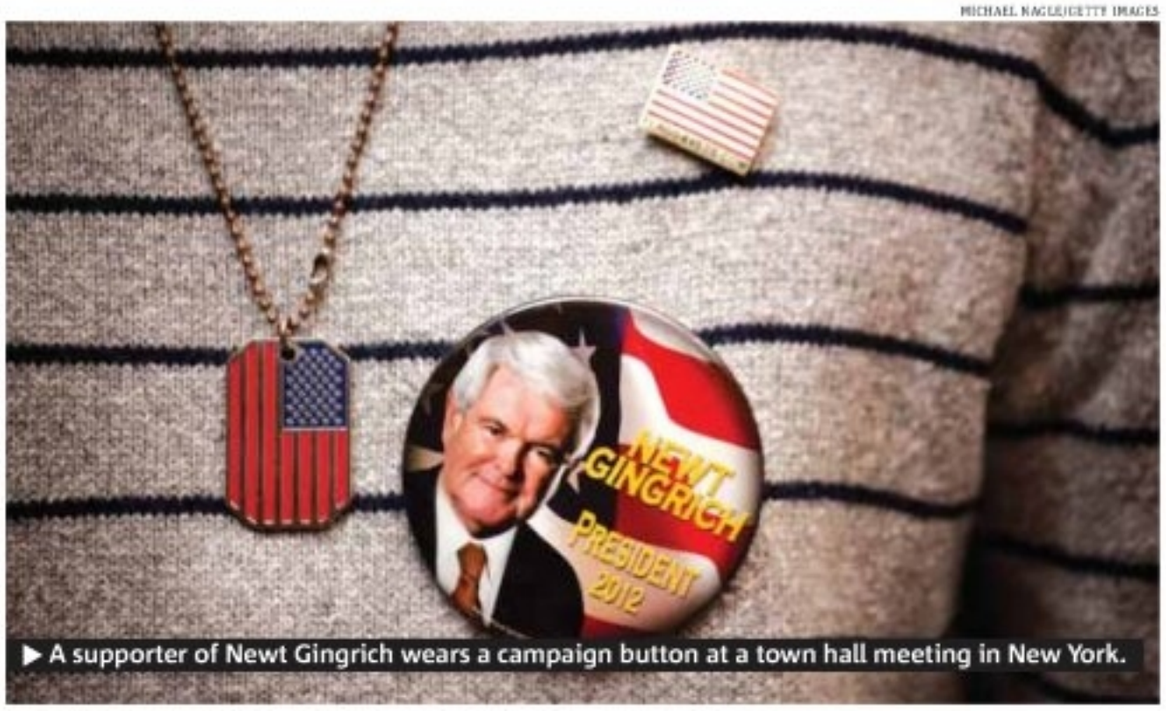

▶ A supporter of Newt Gingrich wears a campaign button at a town hall meeting in New York.

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Last chance to make picks

This week is your last chance to nominate a winner of Metro’s Man and Woman of the year event. In next Monday’s Metro we’ll be producing a final shortlist of three in each category from the hundreds of nominations sent in by readers in the last two weeks.

Steve Jobs, Gabrielle Giffords and Occupy protesters have so far been repeatedly supported.

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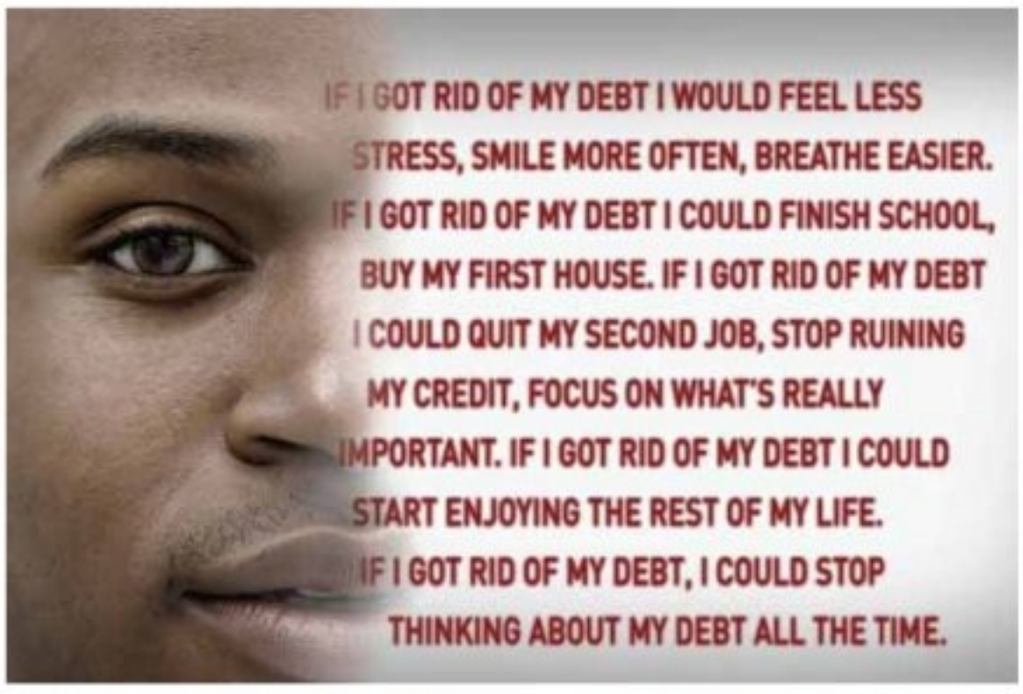
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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

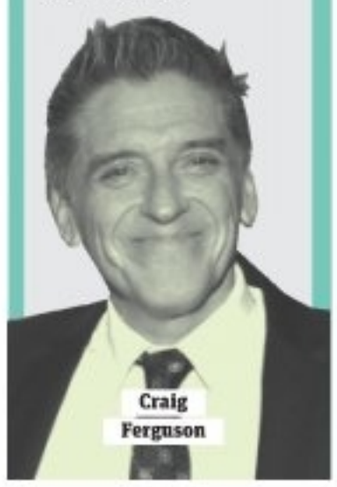
Craig Ferguson isn't going to be in pictures, Katy Perry is amazed at the stories written about her, Steve Martin is getting philosophical and Joan Rivers is still giving Winona Ryder a hard time.

▶ **@craigyferg:** Playboy interviewed me but rejected my pictorial. Probably for the best

▶ **@katyperry:** First I'm pregnant & then I'm divorced. What am I All My Children?!

▶ **@SteveMartin ToGo:** Life is just a series of Tweets.

▶ **@Joan_Rivers:** Hey, Winona Ryder (she follows me on Twitter), just a reminder: There are only 21 more shoplifting days left til Christmas.



Craig Ferguson

Brooke Mueller is busted — again

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▶ Brooke Mueller's latest mugshot comes after she was arrested and charged with assault and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

It was a slow weekend for celebrities behaving badly, but luckily for gossip columnists everywhere, **Brooke Mueller** still can't get her act together. That lady parties more than most Hollywood celebs combined.

The latest indiscretions of **Charlie Sheen**'s ex? After a wild Friday night, she was arrested in Aspen on assault and drug charges, according to People magazine. (Why always Aspen? Doesn't she ever just go skiing out there?) The mother of two and frequent rehab resident was picked up at the nightclub Escobar after another female patron complained to police about an altercation. "Mueller was arrested and charged with assault in the third degree and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute," an Aspen police official says. "Mueller posted bond of $11,000 and was released with a district court date of Dec. 19, 2011."

This was Mueller's second arrest for cocaine possession. In July, she had just finished a 30-day rehab session.

Although this seems like not-so-huge news, be prepared for a Sheen media onslaught this week, as Mueller has custody of their children. And just when you thought you'd get through the year without hearing from him again.

Cooper doesn't respect the 'Sexiest' title

Bradley Cooper doesn't necessarily enjoy being the Sexiest Man Alive, a title bestowed upon him by People magazine. "It's been a weird couple of weeks. I did originally laugh and then I just started crying," Cooper tells British website OMG. "I guess it's a bit of a joke. I hope that it won't change things," he adds.

In fact, while other actors might see the title as an achievement, Cooper is worried it might become something of an impediment to his acting. "I'm glad it doesn't detract from my work. I hope it doesn't," he says. "It would be unfortunate if it did because I'm not really that guy at all."

Totally understandable, Bradley Cooper, you serious actor, you. Let's all hope being called out as "sexy" doesn't keep you from getting that Oscar nomination for your heart-wrenching portrayal in "The Hangover: Part 2."

Bradley Cooper

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Talking points

Clooney gets spy happy

Being hounded by paparazzi for years has inspired **George Clooney**'s latest initiative, Satellite Sentinel Project, a satellite system for tracking human rights violations. "There's a satellite up there that's looking at my house right now. You can Google Earth me, but you can't watch these [warlords]. Why not?" Clooney tells the L.A. Times magazine. "It's spying if it's a country. It's spying if it's the United Nations, maybe. But what if I'm a paparazzo with a lens 400 miles up? How is that spying? I'm just a tourist taking pictures and putting it on the Web."

Jessica Simpson

Simpson doesn't know what she's having

While she's previously used male pronouns while discussing her unborn child, **Jessica Simpson** admits she doesn't really know what it's going to be. "I think it's a girl, but I don't know yet," Simpson says, according to Hollyscoop, though her fiance, **Eric Johnson**, disagrees: "I think it's a boy. We're pretty much at a standstill there," he says. "I don't think we can wait. Jessica is too honest about everything, she needs to know. I don't think she can hold that secret to herself."

Spears goes skating

Britney Spears celebrated her 30th birthday last Friday by strapping on skates and going ice skating with boyfriend **Jason Trawick**, according to Us Weekly. The singer took a break from the current South American leg of her tour with a quick trip to a rink in Houston, Texas. The couple were all smiles on the ice.

Jolie gets sued

Angelina Jolie's directorial debut, "In the Land of Blood and Honey," is hitting a bit of a roadblock on its way to theaters, as journalist and author **James J. Braddock** is accusing Jolie of ripping off the film's plot from an article he wrote in 2007, according to Radar Online. The film tells the fictional love story of a Serbian soldier and Muslim woman during the 1992 Bosnian War. Braddock has reportedly filed suit against Jolie and the film's production company, and is seeking damages.

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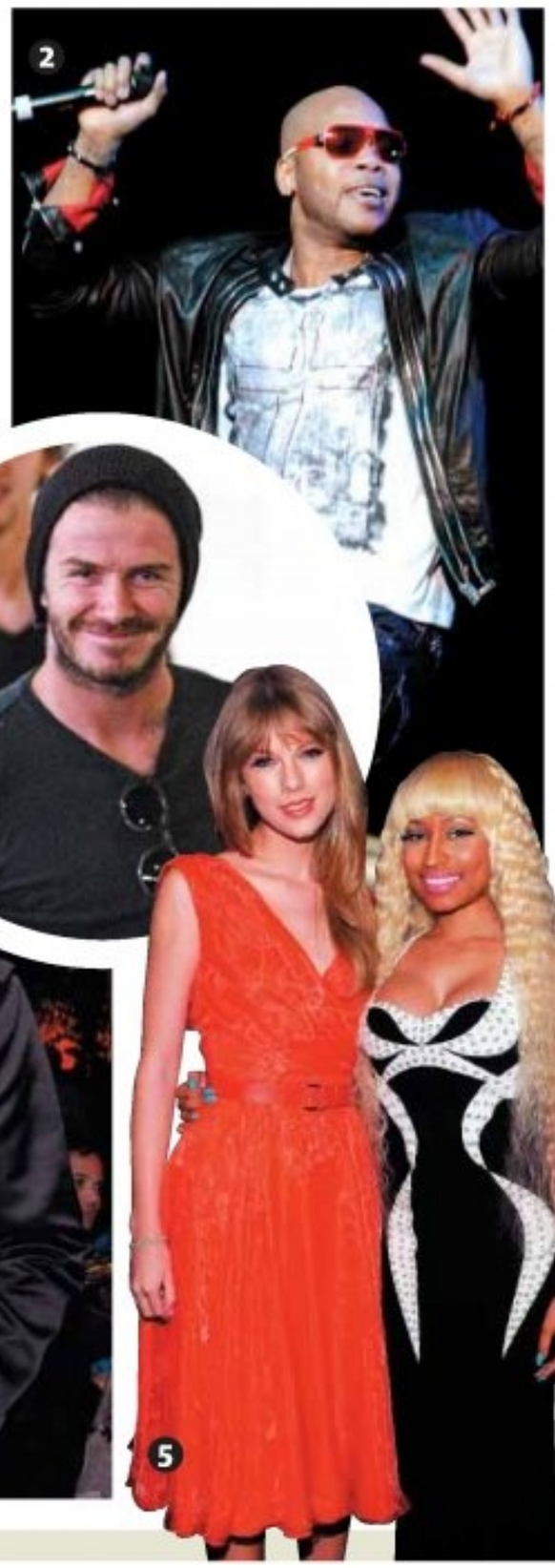
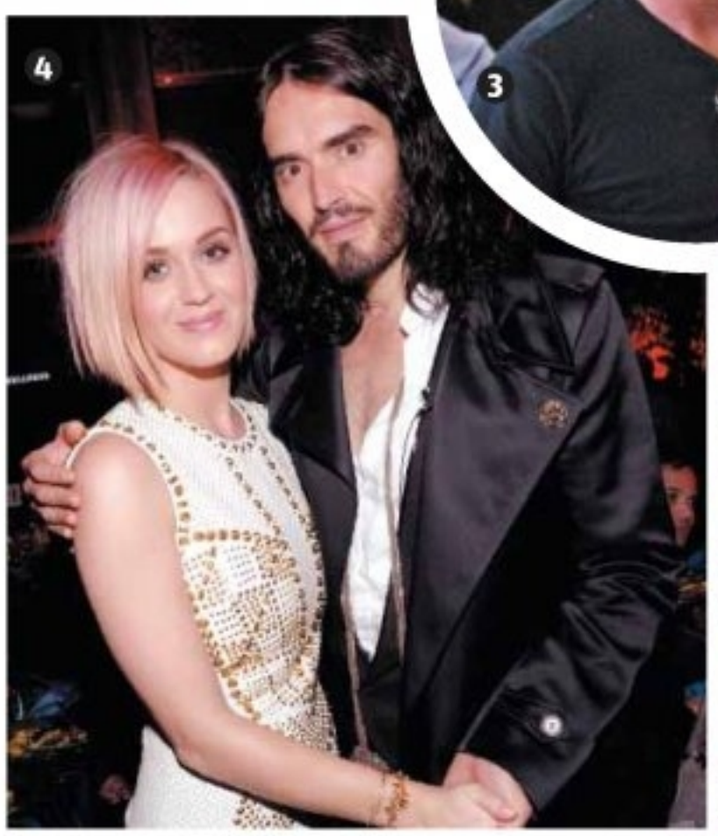
A big weekend out for these big stars





1. Mos Def performed with Black Star at Best Buy Theater on Saturday in New York City.

2. Rapper Flo Rida performed at KIIS FM's Jingle Ball at L.A. Live's Nokia Theatre on Saturday in Los Angeles.

3. David Beckham was swamped by fans and paparazzi when he arrived ahead of the L.A. Galaxy vs. Melbourne Victory Game at Melbourne Airport on Sunday in Australia.

4. Katy Perry and husband Russell Brand attended the third annual "Change Begins Within" Benefit Celebration presented by The David Lynch Foundation held at LACMA on Saturday in Los Angeles.

5. Taylor Swift and Nicki Minaj attended the Billboard's Sixth Annual Women in Music event at the Capitale on Friday in New York City.

6. Daphne Guiness attended a world premiere preview of "Marina Abramovic The Artist Is Present" at Soho Beach House on Thursday in Miami.

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TV watch list

'The Closer'

DRAMA. It's a not-so-merry holiday for a Christmas Village Santa Claus who is killed while zip-lining into a chimney. Maybe he should have stuck to the sliding-down routine. Fred Willard guest stars as a bad Santa/murder suspect in the 100th episode of the series. **9 p.m., TNT**

MERCEDES REINTLA

▶ Brenda and her team investigate a Santacide on the 100th episode of "The Closer."

'The Mortified Sessions'

COMEDY. Go ahead, laugh (and cry a little) at those embarrassing pictures and terrible diary entries of your middle school years. Famous folks like Ed Helms are doing the same thing on this series celebrating moments of awkward youth. **Series premiere, 8 p.m., Sundance Channel**

'American Country Awards'

SPECIAL. Not to be confused with the recent CMA Awards, this country-fried fete hands out trophies to artists based on viewer's votes. Trace Adkins and Kristin Chenoweth host. **8 p.m., Fox**

'The Sing-Off'

REALITY. Vocal groups from all three seasons of the reality competition perform holiday songs. You know, kind of like your neighborhood tree-lighting ceremony, but in tune. **8 p.m., NBC**

AMBER RAY

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▶ In the film version, Khalifa, right, plays the valedictorian struggling to write a graduation speech — and when he realizes he has spent all of his time studying and none hanging out, he finds inspiration in the worst student at the high school, which of course is played by Snoop.

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By Aaron Hyndman

PHILADELPHIA - In an effort to combat the animosity and division plaguing our communities, Bishop Dr. Lionel Parsons is introducing "A New Way to Celebrate" across the United States. This movement begins here in the Philadelphia area with a special gospel holiday event at the Liacouras Center at Temple University that will feature powerful preaching and a concert with a number of Grammy Award-winners on December 15th, 16th and 17th.

Bishop Dr. Lionel Parsons

Thursday December 15th and Friday the 16th are non-ticketed free will offering nights featuring renowned speaker Paula White, and gospel singers Dorinda Clark and Wess Morgan. The Dec. 17 concert features Fred Hammond, James Fortune and Smokie Norful. Tickets for the Saturday concert can be purchased through the Liacouras Center box office.

"A New Way to Celebrate" is more than just a gospel festival, it's the manifestation of the dream Dr. Parsons has for reviving the state of religion in America today. "Instead of division, I want religious groups to celebrate in an all-inclusive way, to welcome everyone regardless of denomination, and to make certain that the Church gives back to its community," said Dr. Parsons.

To advance his mission to give back to the community, Dr. Parsons is providing jobs for 30 to 50 unemployed people who attend the Saturday night concert on December 17th. In addition, $15,000 will be donated to the community, consisting of 15 gifts of $1000 each to needy families in the community so that they can better enjoy the holiday season.

In the past, Dr. Parsons has been able to not only improve the lives of many people, but also change entire communities. People who were surviving by committing crimes, including dealing in drugs, have been transformed into successful and upstanding members of the community. "I chose to actually locate a church in a drug ridden area where people, some with violent histories, would congregate," said Dr. Parsons. "We changed the culture of the community by teaching how to succeed as upstanding citizens."

To attend "A New Way to Celebrate," contact the Liacouras Center Box Office or ComcastTix at 1-800-298-4200. Admission to Thursday and Friday's events is a Free Will Offering, while tickets for Saturday are priced at $40, $50 and $60 each. There is also a limited number of **RESERVED VIP TICKETS** available for $200 apiece, which guarantees priority seating all three evenings.

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Wiz Khalifa gets schooled ... by Snoop Dogg!

‘Black and Yellow’ rapper on working with his hero ‘We’re both inspired by each other,’ he says They hit the Electric Factory on Tuesday

Wiz Khalifa is having a good 2011. This year saw the Pittsburgh native with a constant stream of achievements. His single “Black And Yellow” hit No. 1, he has sold out tours and finished up the year with two Grammy nods. Now he’s teaming up with friend and mentor Snoop Dogg for “Mac and Devin Go To High School,” a new stoner comedy and joint album (heh heh) that will serve as the film’s soundtrack. While the film has no official release date, the album drops next Tuesday. To spread the word, Wiz and Snoop hit the road with a mini tour which hits the Electric Factory tomorrow night. Wiz took time out to chat with Metro about the project.

How was it to work on “Mac and Devin” with Snoop?
It’s a dream come true to be able to work with Snoop. It just came together so naturally. It’s like your O.G. just saying, “Yeah you can come hang out with me.” It worked for both of us. We’re both inspired by each other. We wanted to do the movie and the soundtrack so that everyone else could have as much fun as we do.

With the serious tone that we have been seeing in the world lately, do you think there is room for that fun vibe?
Absolutely. At the end of the day, people want to be able to experience everything. You can’t just wake up and be business all day. You can’t be rock ’n’ roll all day either. You have to slow it down and take it to different zones.

In the movie your character comes out of his shell. Does that mimic your real life?
Not really. [Laughs] I think the movie shows a different side of me though. The less braggadocios side. The calm me that I really was in high school. Not as nerdy or dorky.

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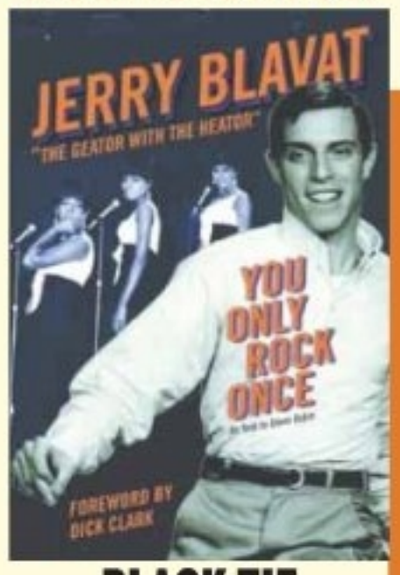

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Box office

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▶ "Breaking Dawn"

$16.9M for 'Breaking Dawn' earns No. 1 at slow box office

Three weeks into its release, "Breaking Dawn" remained at the top of a listless box office this weekend, taking in an estimated $16.9 million. While box-office watchers had expected Disney's "The Muppets" to ascend to box-office supremacy, the PG-rated puppet film took in only $11.2 million.

It was a typically bleak post-Thanksgiving weekend at the cineplex. With no major movies opening, the domestic market was down 6 percent compared to the same time last year. The weekend was so slow, a three-week holdover with a 60 percent drop led the box office.

The bright spot was among specialty films: Fox Searchlight's NC-17 "Shame" opened to an estimated $372,000 at 10 locations, and that company's "The Descendants" ascended to seventh place at the box office. REUTERS

Herzog goes 'Into the Abyss'

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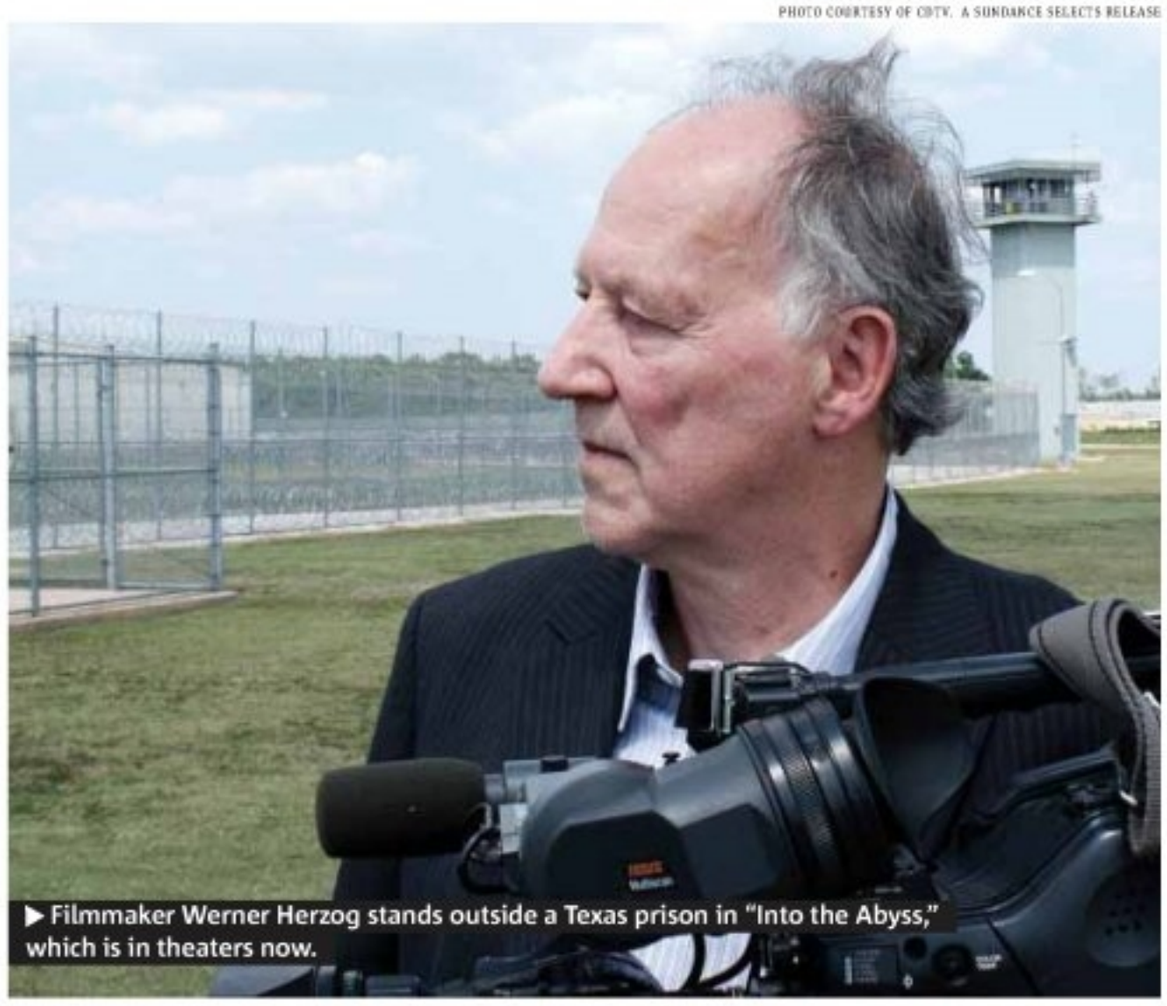

▶ Filmmaker Werner Herzog stands outside a Texas prison in "Into the Abyss," which is in theaters now.

Legendary filmmaker Werner Herzog examines the practice of capital punishment in Texas

Werner Herzog's long and wildly varied career has earned him the status of "legend" among documentarians and features directors alike. In his latest doc, he examines the use of the death penalty in Texas by looking at one particularly thoughtless, brutal crime — a triple homicide over a stolen car — committed by Conroe, Texas, resident and death row inmate Michael Perry. We got to speak to Herzog about his thoughts on the controversial issue.

In the film, you make it very clear that you are against capital punishment. In the end, it seems that you present both sides. How did you find the audience's reaction to be?
It always starts up a lively discussion about it. And I think it is good. Of course, let me make my position clear. Being a guest in your country, I respectfully disagree with the practice of capital punishment. You see, as a German, you can't expect me to tell the American people how to handle criminal suspects.

Understandable. Do you find that most people believe that it's been a fair and balanced portrayal of both sides of the issue?
It's a film about a senseless crime and all of the repercussions. It is more like an American Gothic. It just has a little side that deals with capital punishment as well. But it deals to a large degree, also, with the families of victims of violent crimes.

"People sometimes hear from documentary filmmakers. ... [They think] we should be completely absent. And we certainly like to 'fly on the wall,' but do you want to be the security camera in Walmart, for example, and let them make the movie?" HERZOG

What do you think is the relationship between the rural poverty we see in the film and the fact that it exists in a state that has capital punishment?
Actually, Texas is a very wealthy state — but of course there is poverty as well. And in the prison population in general, not only those on death rows, you have an over-representation of impoverished families who would end up in prison. So statistically speaking, there are inequalities. It is a problem of society and it is not going to go away quickly.

There are so many serendipitous moments in this movie. How do you manage to capture them on film?
There is a clear answer. I am a director. I am a storyteller. I am searching. People sometimes hear from documentary filmmakers. ... [They think] we should be completely absent. And we certainly like to "fly on the wall," but do you want to be the security camera in Walmart, for example, and let them make the movie?

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"Telling someone that the reason they can't get out of bed in the morning is because of some ancestral inclination isn't really going to help them when they're trying to keep their job," says Dr. Norman Rosenthal, a psychiatrist and author of "Winter Blues: Everything You Need to Know to Beat Seasonal Affective Disorder."

Rosenthal blogs on his website (www.normanrosenthal.com) about SAD, a condition triggered by a lack of sunlight that slows the brain's production of invigorating serotonin and increases sleep-inducing melatonin. If your working life prevents you from getting adequate amounts of daylight, a tactic proven to help is sitting with natural spectrum lights, such as Verilux's HappyLight, for 10-90 minutes a day.

"I'm sitting in front of mine now," says Dr. Rosenthal. "People find huge benefit in [using one] to function and treat symptoms of SAD. It gives a boost to carry you through the day."

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▶ Light therapy can help combat Seasonal Affective Disorder.

More ideas

Dr. Rosenthal's tips for avoiding the holiday blues

- **Redefine the holidays as a joyful time.** Don't feel obligated to pursue unpleasant or overwhelming activities simply because they have always been the thing to do.
- **Go online.** If Christmas shopping and writing cards is more than you can handle, use the Internet.
- **If you are feeling lonely or disadvantaged, volunteering can be a good way to restore a sense of proportion to your situation — and help others at the same time.** Counting one's blessings and helping those who are less fortunate are two ways of bringing happiness.
- **Enjoy those aspects of the season, and your own mind and body, that cost nothing.** Walk outside on a bright winter day and enjoy the special beauty of nature in the winter; exercise and meditate. How wonderful to think that our own bodies and minds can provide us with remedies for the holiday blues — and so many other afflictions of the spirit.

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If you can see all the way through the skin to what is underneath, then you likely need stitches. Deeper wounds may also require repair to underlying fat, muscle, tendons or other connective tissues.

Wounds take 5-14 days to initially heal, depending on their location; after that, stitches or staples are removed. To prevent bacterial contamination, wounds should be repaired as soon as possible — ideally less than six hours after the injury.

Final wound healing takes four to six months post-injury, during which scar tissue builds to strengthen the repair and any pinkish inflammation (which promotes healing) resolves.

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As the year winds down, take the time to reflect on your job It's the perfect time to review your year and set new career goals for 2012 — and beyond

Advice

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The holiday season is a slow period around many offices, and you should use the downtime to your advantage by putting some serious thought into where your career has landed this year, as well as where you want to go in the future.

Your first step is to take a fresh look at previous goals. These can be performance goals you set with your manager or goals you set on your own at the end of last year. Note if you were able to achieve these goals or if ongoing work is required. Assess whether all of the goals are still valid or if any should be changed in anticipation of the new year.

A related activity is to document contributions made to your organization. Quantify, as specifically as possible, how your actions impacted the company's bottom line, and why the company is better off because you work there. Also, brainstorm transferable skills — or skills that cut across a wide variety of roles and industries (project management, client relations, sales, marketing, finance) — that you mastered or honed this year. Update your résumé and online profiles with this new information.

Then, think about the next phase of your career. What would you like to learn in 2012, and what type of work would you like to focus on? Where would you like your career to be in five years, and how can you get there most efficiently? As you consider these issues, tap your manager or a trusted mentor for feedback.

Finally, congratulate yourself on a job well done. This was not the easiest year for American workers, and you are still standing!

– Alexandra Levit is the author of "Blind Spots: The 10 Business Myths You Can't Afford to Believe on Your New Path to Success."

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When your job security is already on shaky ground, hinting at end-of-year bonuses in front of your boss may not be the best bet. "For some companies, the economy is still dicey. For those that will give bonuses, the amounts will be all over the place," says Michael Galey, an attorney in the Philadelphia office of Fisher & Phillips, a national firm that represents employers.

Keep in mind that a bonus is just that: a little something extra that companies provide if they can. Your padded paycheck depends on you company's financial ability. "As owner of Between the Bread, I have held back on giving bonuses for the past two years. And unfortunately I am not planning on giving bonuses this year either," says Ricky Eisen of this year's situation at his Manhattan catering company. "The extremely difficult economic climate has necessitated the constant weighing and shifting of priorities and prompts questions like, 'Do we keep all of our staff employed? Do we let some go, and give modest bonuses to the remaining employees? Do we hold onto the cash we accrued over the year? Or do we give the cash as bonuses and start the year with less operating and emergency cash?'"

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▶ It's not really about who was naughty or nice.

On the other hand, a study developed by Robert Half International polled 1,250 senior executives employed at firms that gave bonuses last year and found that of those interviewed, 30 percent expected to give even bigger bonuses than they did last year. ● JULIA WEST

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Website helps low-income students with their tuition

Newly launched Collegeset.org seeks 'to invest in students who are investing in themselves' Site encourages low-income students to save for college by matching funds and linking up donors

Websites like Kickstarter allow sponsors to donate money to burgeoning creative projects; now, a newly launched website enables them to similarly invest in the future of students who dream of attending college. Collegeset.org, the brain child of Juma Ventures, allows low-income high school students to set up a savings account where their contributions can be matched by a company or individual donors.

"Research shows a student who has a college savings account is seven times more likely to complete college," says Nick Hutchinson, Juma's Chief Development Officer. "To invest in students who are investing in themselves is a very powerful concept."

Students can get involved with the site through one of the partner organizations, including 10,000 Degrees, Bottom Line and City University of New York. In its first year, the site will feature profiles of 400 to 1,000 students in NYC and San Francisco, but as many as 2,500 students could be earning money for school in the next five years. They have the opportunity to receive a dollar-for-dollar match of their own savings up to $500 and receive a contribution of $250 any time they complete a "milestone," like completing an application for financial aid or receiving a college acceptance letter.

"The process is working for me great," says Corey Scott, a high school student from the Bronx who hopes to attend the College of Saint Rose in Albany. "They set up an account for you, and I can put money in there any time. And they will match up the money with what I put in. I have $200 and I plan on putting in more."

Donors can browse the profiles of students like Scott to learn more about their individual ambitions and financial goals. When it's time for the student to use the funds, he or she makes a request to CollegeSet, which releases the money directly to the university or vendor. Juma Ventures estimates that it will contribute more than $1.5 million towards tuition and other educational expenses.

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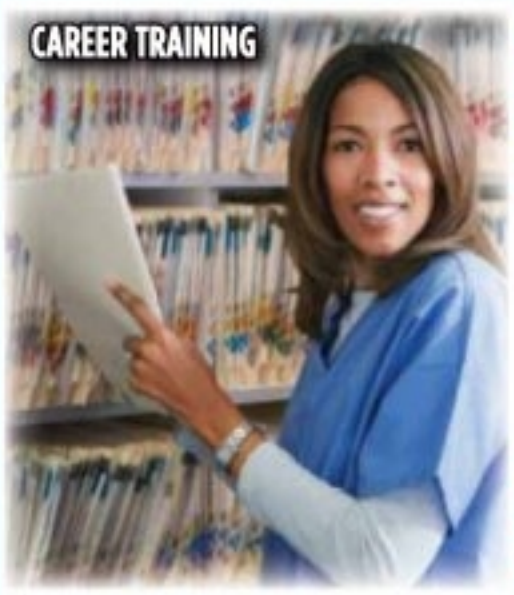

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For more students to graduate, colleges need to get to know them

They say it's not what you know, but who you know. That could be the case when it comes to universities and their graduation rates, according to a new study.

The Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles released a report showing that when colleges get to know the type of students that enroll and how they move through the degree process, it can help them improve their graduation rates. Instead of raising admissions standards and denying access to a broad range of students, the study encourages institutions to work with the varied needs and timetables of their current students.

College jobs, emotional health and family background are all factors taken into account by researchers when looking at the graduation rates among students. According to the study, about four in 10 students complete a degree after four years (38.9 percent), while 56.4 percent finish after five. After six years, 61.2 percent complete programs.

The authors of the study suggest that by understanding the factors that affect students, a college can create an environment that will help them earn a diploma and achieve economic mobility. "The focus needs to be squarely on creating conditions for success for all students who begin college," said the report.

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▶ How about some business sense with that painting degree?

The fine art of

▶ Painting majors and financial whizzes don't ordinarily share a lot of classrooms ▶ But these schools are bridging the gap between the artists and the MBAs

On most campuses, business and art students rarely sit in the same classroom. Just take a look at any campus map: The business school is usually about as far away from the fine arts building as possible. But there is a new trend emerging, as many in higher education now envision MBAs, painters, accountants, actors and musicians learning side by side. Here are three groundbreaking programs that bridge the gap between art and business.

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The Juilliard School and Fordham University

The course: "How to be a virtuosic genius — and get paid for it! 101"

Over the last two years, New York's Fordham University has partnered with The Juilliard School to bring business and art students together. Led by Bill Baker, the former president of Channel 13 (New York Public Media), the class is intended to give conservatory artists a window into the politics and funding behind fine art in the United States.

"The idea is to give these genius, virtuoso students a better understanding of the world they are entering in which music and art is becoming more of a commodity," says Baker. "[It's] not only their great talent that counts, but the ability to be an entrepreneur and promote their skills in different ways."

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Philadelphia University

The program: "Building a 'Business Bridge' for your art — all summer long"

PhilaU offers a summer program that many talented visual artists are gladly sacrificing their summer vacation to attend. "Business Bridge" is only open to juniors and seniors with a minimal 3.0 GPA. The program has four two-week tracks: marketing and management, statistics and operations, creating business models and financial planning. The program is geared toward graphic designers and practical visual design fields.

Wake Forest University

The course: "16 students v. New York City: How to Break Into the Big Apple"

It could be a great pitch for reality TV: eight business students and eight art students, together in one house. Instead, this is WF's new experimental course, pairing right and left brains to study the business of art in New York. The WF students study the seamy side of art: how to make money. They examine trustee boards, commissioning organizations and the gallery scene, all in preparation for a trip to the Big Apple.

STOCKBYTE

▶ Private hiring, which excludes government agencies, accounted for 140,000 new jobs in November.

Payroll gains improve as unemployment rate drops

Payroll gains in the U.S. improved last month, while an increase in the number of Americans leaving the workforce helped push the jobless rate down to 8.6 percent, the lowest level since March 2009.

Employment climbed by 120,000 workers in November, with more than half the hiring coming from retailers and temporary help agencies, after a 100,000 gain the prior month, Labor Department figures showed last week in Washington. Revisions to prior figures added a total of 72,000 jobs to payrolls in September and October.

"This is a good report that holds out hope for better things to come," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors Inc. in Holland, Pennsylvania. "[But] not so great that anyone should think the labor market is healthy and all is well with the world," he said.

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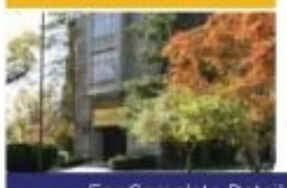

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Letters

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No crime on Wall Street?

RE: "YOU! ARE! THE 99 PERCENT!": Brayden Simms' editorial does not make any sense and displays a shocking lack of knowledge of the recent financial turmoil. His implication is that the recent financial crisis is an example of theft. In reality, it came about as a result of misguided government policies almost completely due to government regulations. It is highly irresponsible for Simms to stir hatred by calling these workers criminals for supposedly "stealing national wealth" and suggesting they be prosecuted for these alleged "crimes."
RON SHELTON, VIA E-MAIL

Do some of the 1 percent perform criminal acts in order to feather their own nests — sure. Yet you ignore the vast number of 1-percenters who each and every year give many of their millions of dollars to charities. Not to mention those who employ millions at fair wages. The freedom this country provides all of us, including the Occupiers, cannot be unlimited. Their right to assemble cannot take precedence over the rights of others.
RON KEHRLI, VIA E-MAIL

Thanks for your thoughtful editorial. Keep telling the truth, shouting if you must, until it finally sinks in. The conservative criminals are starting to really feel the heat. They're terrified that OWS is working!
JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL

Thank you! You cut like a razor. Razors cause pain. Most people would rather be lulled into stupefied mindlessness by Kardashian puppeteers.
MARK NOIR, BROOKLYN

Cain sought wrong advice

I'm glad that Herman Cain is officially suspending his campaign for president. His biggest mistake was not asking President Obama advice on how he handled charges of homosexuality and cocaine use, and Bill and Hillary Clinton on how they handled charges of sexual harassment and even rape.
JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL

Minimum wage stifles jobs

To stimulate job growth, why don't we eliminate the minimum wage law? This law is unconstitutional — it's none of the government's business. There are plenty of businesses that would hire young people if not for the government running interference. Minimum wage laws cause unemployment.
FRANK ST. GEORGE, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

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♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It pays to be a go-getter in any situation where there is something meaningful at stake. Assertiveness will bring you desirable results.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Appreciate the fact that you do have the power and necessary wherewithal to alter to your liking conditions that aren't going your way. Enhance your advantages whenever you can.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Instead of attempting everything on your own, work in conjunction with others. More goals can be achieved through the power of numbers than through solo efforts alone.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Instead of waiting to be told what to do, you should take the initiative. You have a good eye for seeing what needs to be knocked off first.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** When someone in whom you're interested starts looking your way, turn on the charm and do your best to be appealing. The impression you make will be a lasting one.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Working on an assignment where there is plenty of room for reconstruction — be it of a product, method or system — can give you tremendous gratification. Making needed improvements will come easily.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Plenty of surprises may be in store for you concerning your one-on-one relationships. Those who usually aren't too friendly will bend over backward to help you.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** A hobby or a sideline in which you're interested has much greater potential for acceptance by the public than you may anticipate. Check out some ways to cash in on what you have to offer.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There is a presence about you that adds spark and luster to the social gatherings you choose to grace with your presence. Your charming personality isn't likely to go unnoticed.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Because you tend to look out for the welfare of others without being asked, Lady Luck is inclined to favor you.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** For whatever reason, better communication between you and a valued friend is possible, so tell your pal something without fear of misunderstanding.
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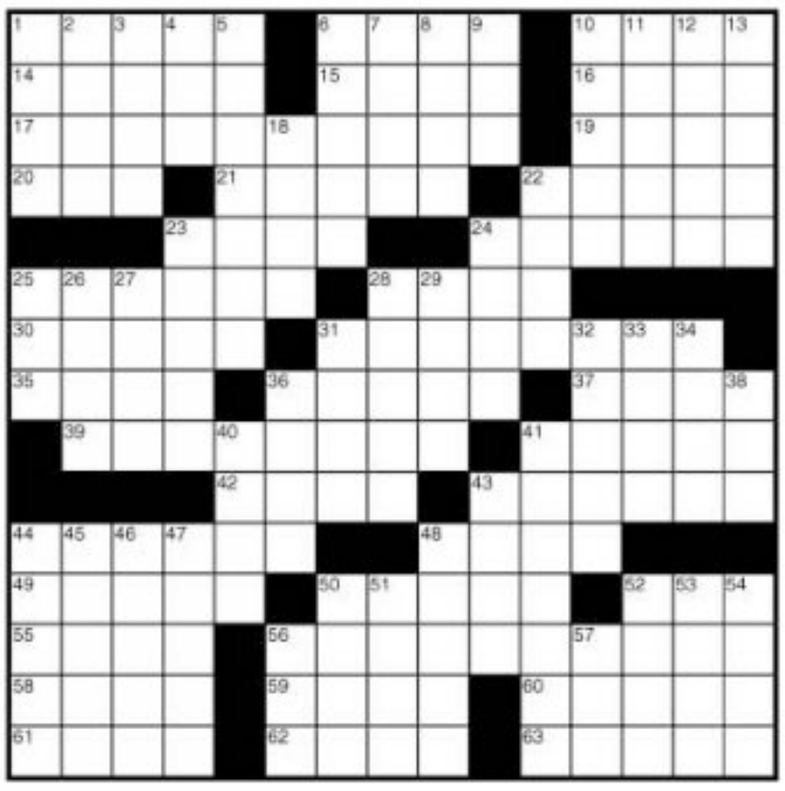

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Alabama-LSU in BCS

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LSU (13-0) and Alabama (11-1) finished No. 1 and No. 2 in the final BCS standings yesterday to set-up an SEC rematch for the Allstate BCS National Championship Game. This will mark the first rematch in the national title game in the 14-year history of the BCS.

The SEC rivals will battle for the national title on Jan. 9 in New Orleans. Alabama and LSU first met on Nov. 5, with LSU winning it 9-6 in overtime.

Oklahoma State finished third in the final poll despite beating Oklahoma 44-10 Saturday. The Cowboys (11-1) finished 0.086 percentage points behind Alabama and will play in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl versus No. 4 Stanford. METRO

NFL rewind: NFC East up for grabs, Denver wins late

Giants lose again, Packers still undefeated · Tebow rallies Denver over Vikings · Chargers-Jaguars today

The Giants let another one slip away.

Aaron Rodgers got the ball with 58 ticks left and guided the Packers (12-0) to a 38-35 win yesterday to clinch a playoff berth.

The Packers quarterback connected on three straight passes on a masterful, last-minute drive to setup the game-winning field goal. The defending Super Bowl champs have won 18 straight games, dating back to last season.

The Giants (6-6) lost for the fourth straight time and are in serious danger of missing out on the postseason. Eli Manning finished 23-of-40 for 347 yards and led the Giants on a game-tying drive late in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, Tim Tebow orchestrated another comeback, leading the Broncos to a 35-32 win over the Vikings.

Tebow threw for a season-best 202 yards and improved his record to 6-1 as the team's starting quarterback. Tebow threw two third-quarter touchdowns and Matt Prater hit a 23-yard field goal to win it as time expired.

"There were a lot of questions on the outside. Sometimes it gets built up like they were on the inside, but the one thing I will say is the guy wins," coach John Fox said. "He does it with his feet. He does it with his arm. He's young. He's just going to get better." METRO

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▶ Tebow improved to 6-1 as a starter.

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The rundown

Scores from Week 13 of the NFL season:

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- **Chiefs 10, Bears 3**
- Dolphins 34, Raiders 14
- **Broncos 35, Vikings 32**
- Patriots 31, Colts 24
- **Steelers 35, Bengals 7**
- Panthers 38, Bucs 19
- **Jets 34, Redskins 19**
- Texans 17, Falcons 10
- **Ravens 24, Browns 10**
- Packers 38, Giants 35
- **Cards 19, Cowboys 13, OT**
- 49ers 26, Rams 0
- **Seahawks 31, Eagles 14**
- Lions at Saints (late)
- **Chargers at Jaguars, today (8:30 p.m., ESPN)**

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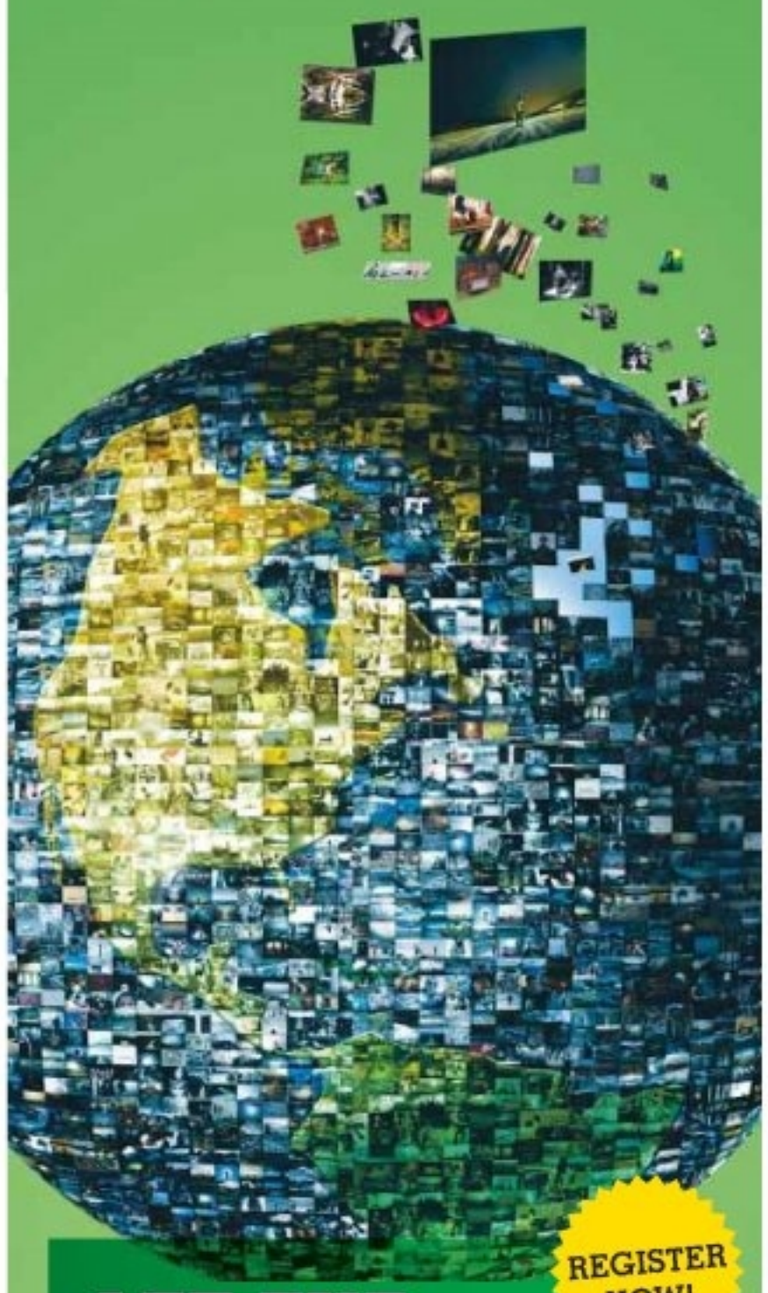

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▶ Penn St. is Dallas bound

Owls, Nittany Lions bowling

Penn State and Temple will both be playing in Bowl games this winter.

The Nittany Lions (9-3) are ranked 24th in the country, but many bowl organizers didn't want to deal with them due to the fallout from the Jerry Sandusky scandal. However, Penn State will face Houston on Jan. 2 in the TicketCity Bowl in Dallas.

Houston (12-1) had been ranked sixth in the nation entering the weekend but fell to No. 20 after losing to Southern Mississippi in the Conference USA championship.

Meanwhile, Temple will play Wyoming in the Gildan New Mexico Bowl. The game is slated for Dec. 17 in Albuquerque, N.M. The Owls (8-4) played in the EagleBank Bowl two seasons ago but didn't get a bowl game invite last season. METRO

Andrews taken to hospital

Giants offensive lineman Stacy Andrews was hospitalized Saturday night with pulmonary embolisms in both lungs, according to the team.

Andrews, who played for the Eagles for parts of two seasons, is in his first year with the Giants. He has been used mostly as a backup, playing in nine games this season. METRO

Out of the Woods: Tiger ends drought

Former world No. 1 golfer wins first tournament in two years ◐ Edges Johnson by one stroke at Chevron Challenge ◐ Is Woods back to stay?

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▶ Woods earned a one-shot victory at the Chevron yesterday.

The fist pump was back, after 749 days and 26 tournaments.

Tiger Woods birdied the last two holes yesterday to win the Chevron World Challenge. It was the golfer's first PGA Tour win since Nov. 15, 2009, when he won the Australian Masters. Woods edged Zach Johnson by one stroke and finished at 10-under 278. He donated the $1.2 million purse to his charity foundation.

"It feels awesome, whatever that is," Woods said, when asked to describe his emotions.

Woods was one down with two holes to play, before draining a 15-footer on the 17th and then a 6-footer on the 18th green. The win moved him up to No. 21 — from No. 52 — in the world golf rankings and marked the 95th victory of his career.

"It was a lot of fun coming down the stretch," Woods said. "Zach put a lot of pressure on me. He turned the tide [on 16], next thing I am one down playing the last couple of holes. Then I made two good putts."

Of course, the victory comes nearly two years after Woods life was sent spiraling out of control amid shocking revelations of marital infidelity. Since then, he has filed for divorce, changed swing coaches and missed the cut at the PGA Championship for the first time in his storied career. METRO

While Tiger was sleeping

Here are some things that occurred during Woods' two-year win drought:

- **Jan. 12, 2010**
  A 7.0-magnitude earthquake hits Haiti, with a death toll over 230,000.
- **Feb. 7, 2010**
  New Orleans Saints win their first/only Super Bowl.
- **June 24, 2010**
  John Isner and Nicolas Mahut play in the longest tennis match in history, going 11 hours, 5 minutes.
- **May 1, 2011**
  U.S. forces kill Osama bin Laden at his compound.
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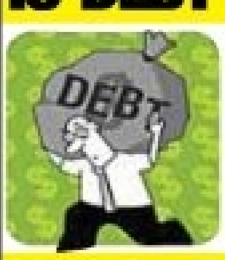

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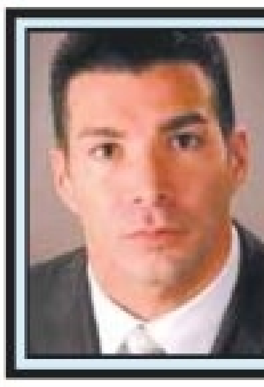
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Flyers running on all four cylinders

Giroux leads NHL's top-scoring offense to two weekend wins ◗ Orange and Black improve to 9-3-1 on the road this season ◗ Next stop, Buffalo

It was just another weekend in the life of Claude Giroux.

The burgeoning superstar scored a game-winner in overtime Friday night to lead the Flyers to a 4-3 win, then added another in the team's 4-2 Saturday win over Phoenix. Giroux now has 15 goals on the year, which is second-best in the NHL, and his 32 points are tied for top honors with Toronto's Phil Kessel.

"He's an extraordinary player," coach Peter Laviolette said about Giroux. "He really is. It shouldn't surprise anybody that he is where he is right now. I think the skill level that he has is one thing, but the determination [with] which he plays the game is really special."

While Giroux continues to update his highlight reel, the entire Flyers team appears to be clicking offensively. The Orange and Black lead the league in scoring, averaging 3.52 goals per game. On Saturday, they racked up four goals in the first period alone.

"You can't give a good team like Philadelphia that much of a cushion," Coyotes coach Dave Tippett said.

The Flyers had been outscored 11-2 in the first period in their last six.

"Where I think our team has played hard the last four or five games, the first periods haven't gone the way we wanted them to go," Laviolette said.

The Flyers have won four of their last five, while outscoring opponents 15-9 in those victories.

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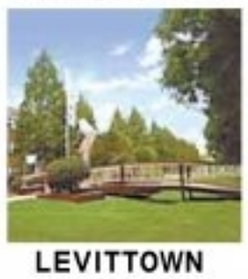

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Jeep Wrangler convertible plows snow, digs dirt

- New version of iconic sports utility vehicle impresses one reviewer
- Handles off-roads well to defend title of 'America's only true sports car'

A freak snowstorm frosted over the Northeast in October when I was testing the 2012 Jeep Wrangler. That was fortunate, since I was heading into Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains, where snow was falling hard.

As I turned onto a rutted dirt road in the late afternoon, tree boughs were hanging heavy with the white stuff. The forest was beautiful, but the road was a mess.

The $28,770, two-door Sahara model with four-wheel drive easily plowed through. Nothing like big knobby tires and plenty of ground clearance to joust with Mother Nature.

The word iconic gets thrown around way too often, but in the case of the Jeep it qualifies. With roots that stem from the World War II runabout, you'll find generations of the vehicle still on the road.

▶ While the Jeep Wrangler's familiar exterior remains the same, the interior has been updated.

Ferrari founder Enzo Ferrari famously called the Jeep America's only true sports car. Its boxy shape is virtually imprinted with a go-West-and-find-adventure spirit. That undiluted design is deeply desirable.

And the latest interior is far easier to live with. It was updated for the 2011 model year, and it includes a touch-screen navigation system and heated seats. Those who want their vehicle a whole lot fancier should look the Grand Cherokee or Ford Explorer.

No, the new Wrangler isn't perfect. Maybe the next generation will offer more power, more gears and better gas mileage. But the most glaring foibles have been worked out, and its pure design remains undiluted. Enzo would have approved. BLOOMBERG

Sprucing up classic Jeep

The brand is owned by the Chrysler Group. As Chrysler's fortunes slid in the last few years, so too suffered the Wrangler.

Lack of innovation left it with an inefficient, underpowered engine and creaky transmission. While the interiors were never luxurious, the latest generations just felt cheap.

Chrysler has been sprucing up all of its models, and the 2012 Wrangler's makeover is a good one.

They left alone the exterior — don't mess with a classic — and focused on the powertrain.

Buyers who want an automatic transmission will now get a five-speed rather than a four-speed. That's about as cutting- edge as FM radio, but it's also an incremental step toward modernity.

At a glance

- **Speed:** 0 to 60 mph in 8.4 seconds
- **Gas mileage per gallon:** 17 city, 21 highway (automatic)
- **Price as tested:** $33,480; $37,900
- **Best features:** The design; that it goes anywhere
- **Worst feature:** Gas mileage
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